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1. RE PARA 1 REFTEL, SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE APPROVALS TO WHICH MACOVESCU REFERRED WERE APPROVALS BY THE PASSPORT COMMISSION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE PERLE AND US JEWISH COMMUNITY ARE NOT AWARE THERE IS TRADITIONALLY A TIME GAP BETWEEN THESE APPROVALS AND ACTUAL ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS, SOMETIMES LASTING AS MUCH AS TWO MONTHS. IN SHORT, WHILE MAKING NO EXCUSES FOR ROMANIANS AT THE SAME TIME I THINK IT NECESSARY WE BE BOTH FAIR AND REALISTIC CONCERNING THE BUREAUCRATIC LAG BETWEEN APPROVAL AND DEPARTURE. I WOULD EXPECT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, THAT THIS GAP WOULD BE REDUCED. IN OUR OWN CASE, SO FAR IN APRIL WE ARE RUNNING AT A RATE SOMEWHAT AHEAD THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS BUT WE DON'T YET KNOW HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS IS. IN ANY CASE, THROUGHOUT THESE NEXT MONTHS WE WILL BE PROVIDING WHATEVER AMPLIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE CAN ON BOTH FIGURES AND DESIGNATION.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING MILLER'S PERCEPTIONS OF HIS MEETING LAST WEEK WITH BOGDAN.

3. ANY ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN WHITE HOUSE WILL SEND TRADE AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS?

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